



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB0541**

Introduced 01/27/05, by Rep. Mike Boland

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

10 ILCS 5/28-7

from Ch. 46, par. 28-7

Amends the Election Code. Sets the minimum number of petition signatures for a local public question at 8% of the number of votes cast by registered voters in the governmental unit in the most recent gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the registered voters in the governmental unit).

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1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section  
5 28-7 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/28-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-7)

7 Sec. 28-7. In any case in which Article VII or paragraph  
8 (a) of Section 5 of the Transition Schedule of the Constitution  
9 authorizes any action to be taken by or with respect to any  
10 unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of Article  
11 VII of the Constitution, by or subject to approval by  
12 referendum, any such public question shall be initiated in  
13 accordance with this Section.

14 Any such public question may be initiated by the governing  
15 body of the unit of local government by resolution or by the  
16 filing with the clerk or secretary of the governmental unit of  
17 a petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal to or  
18 greater than 8% ~~10%~~ of the number of registered voters in the  
19 governmental unit who voted in the most recent gubernatorial  
20 election, requesting the submission of the proposal for such  
21 action to the voters of the governmental unit at a regular  
22 election.

23 If the action to be taken requires a referendum involving 2  
24 or more units of local government, the proposal shall be  
25 submitted to the voters of such governmental units by the  
26 election authorities with jurisdiction over the territory of  
27 the governmental units. Such multi-unit proposals may be  
28 initiated by appropriate resolutions by the respective  
29 governing bodies or by petitions of the voters of the several  
30 governmental units filed with the respective clerks or  
31 secretaries.

32 This Section is intended to provide a method of submission

1 to referendum in all cases of proposals for actions which are  
2 authorized by Article VII of the Constitution by or subject to  
3 approval by referendum and supersedes any conflicting  
4 statutory provisions except those contained in the "County  
5 Executive Act".

6 Referenda provided for in this Section may not be held more  
7 than once in any 23-month period on the same proposition,  
8 provided that in any municipality a referendum to elect not to  
9 be a home rule unit may be held only once within any 47-month  
10 period.

11 (Source: P.A. 82-750.)